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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN OF SETTLEMENT OF SECTION
620 (C) LAWSUIT TO CUT OFF AID TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: (A) STATE 243609, (B) SANTO DOMINGO 4011

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL (A) YESTERDAY, EMBASSY TRACKED DOWN PEDRO MORALES TRONCOSO, DIRECTOR OF GODR'S OFFICE OF TOURISM, WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY IN MONTREAL ATTENDING A TOURISM MEETING BUT WHO WAS FOUND AT THE FONTAINBLEAU IN MIAMI BEACH. ECONOMIC COUSELOR ALSO SPOKE WITH U.S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN SAN JUAN (ALSO NAMED MORALES) ABOUT POSSIBLE CONTINUANCE ON GROUNDS OF NEED OF MORE TIME TO PREPARE DEFENSE. DISTRICT ATTORNEY FELT THAT ARGUMENT COULD NOT RPT NOT BE USED MUCH LONGER.

2. MORALES TRONCOSO RETURNED FROM MIAMI BEACH TO SANTO DOMINGO LAST NIGHT AND HAS BEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH THE EMBASSY THIS MORNING. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR POINTED OUT TO HIM, AS DID COMMERCIAL ATTACHE TO HIS ASSISTANT, THAT GODR NOW TECHNICALLY OWED FULL \$81,000 SINCE IT IN DEFAULT, AND THAT IT WOULD LOOK BETTER IF A GODR OFFICIAL WENT TO SAN JUAN WITH A DOLLAR CHECK TO COVER BOTH \$16,000 DUE OCT. 1 AND \$10,000 DUE NOV. 1.

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3. OFFICE OF NATIONAL TOURISM HAS PESO CHECK FOR \$16,000 FROM OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY WHICH IT SAYS IT IS CONVERTING TO DOLLARS THIS MORNING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK "IF NECESSARY EVEN ON THE BLACK MARKET."

4. MORALES TRONCOSO SPOKE BY TELEPHONE WITH HARRY WOODS, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IN SAN JUAN, AND IT WAS AGREED MORALES' ASSISTANT, LUIS POU, WOULD FLY TO SAN JUAN THIS AFTERNOON WITH A DOLLAR CHECK FOR \$16,000, AND A COMMITMENT TO COME UP WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 (FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER) BY END OF THIS MONTH. MORALES TRONCOSO TELLS US WOODS HAS AGREED TO THIS, AND THAT HEARING TOMORROW MORNING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

5. SINCE GODR FACES MONTHLY \$10,000 PAYMENT THROUGH APRIL AND THESE PERILS OF PAULINE ARE INTERFERING WITH EMBASSY'S BEACH OUTINGS, WE ARE URGING OFFICE OF NATIONAL TOURISM TO START ITS TRANSMITS NOW FOR JANUARY PAYMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE IS NO TELLING WHERE THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL TOURISM WILL BE OVER CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S.
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